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13. Briefing of Outgoing Service Attachés

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The responsibility for the administration of an Agency briefing program for outgoing service attachés has been placed in the Office of Training. At present, planning and coordination with the Armed Services is under way in order to put this program into effect as soon as feasible.

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and advanced subjects to as many as seventy-five to one hundred in lower level basic training. The twenty different fields of instruction represent the total coverage offered; the training pattern for any individual varies to fit his specific assignment. These courses are presented not only to staff personnel, but also in modified form, and in many instances tailor-made form, to highly covert agent personnel and to foreign nationals being trained in the United States in small groups.

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b. Basic Intelligence Training *(July 1951)*

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- (1) In July of 1951 the Basic Intelligence Course was inaugurated as a part of the program of the CIA Intelligence School. The Basic Intelligence Course is designed to provide basic training for new professional personnel entering the Agency in order to qualify them as apprentice intelligence officers.

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(2) The Basic Intelligence Course is fourteen weeks long, is presented quarterly, and consists of a series of lectures and seminars on International Relations, the Principles of National Planning and Policy Planning, the Principles of Strategic Intelligence, the Intelligence Structure of the Government, International Communism, and Foreign Intelligence Systems. Selected readings in the fields of intelligence and international relations are required and an area study report is prepared by each trainee. The program is flexible to provide opportunity for basic language training concurrently with intelligence training. A reading improvement course is offered which will be described in detail below.

(3) The personnel attending the course are recruited by the Office of Training against a Table of Organization established for the purpose of selecting and recruiting

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high potential career service personnel. Recruitment of such personnel is carried out at selected colleges and universities, and Fulbright applications are processed for possible recruits. Professional trainees must normally be in the top ten percent of their college class. They must further stand out in tests and interviews designed by O/TR to screen out all but the most outstanding personnel. The ratio of TO vacancies to on duty strength within the operational Offices has been such in the past that it was not deemed feasible to process all new incoming professional level personnel through the Basic Intelligence Course.

- (4) In order to cover the scope of the course it became necessary to draw heavily upon the operating Offices within the Agency and the Departments of State and Defense for personnel to present lectures and to

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lead seminar discussions. It is believed that

the contacts thus established between personnel

of the operating Offices and the trainees, plus

the fact that trainees who have completed the

Basic Intelligence Course have performed well on

the job, has given support from the operating

Offices to the policy that all incoming professional

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level personnel should be required to complete the

course prior to entering on duty in the jobs for

which they have been recruited. The Career Service

Committee's working group on trainees in its final

report recommended such a policy as desirable and

necessary.

(5) The Director of Training has directed that a Staff

Study be prepared which will, if approved, result

in the establishment of the above training policy

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